

**Upstate Forever's new headquarters has been named one of the greenest of green buildings by the U.S. Green Building Council.**

The renovated house at 507 Pettigru St., won the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Platinum Certification, the highest designation available.

It is the first platinum certified building in the Upstate and the second to win that designation statewide.

"We had two basic goals for this project," said Brad Wyche, executive director of Upstate Forever. "First, we wanted to provide a comfortable and healthy place for our staff, and second, we wanted to demonstrate how to renovate buildings by using green products and features. A big missing piece in the green movement is the poor performance of existing buildings. We've tried to do our part in filling that void."

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